

Farm Labor

The Utah Agricultural Statistics Service conducts quarterly agricultural labor surveys in January, April, July, and October. Data concerning hired labor, hours worked, and wage rates for the week (Sunday through Saturday) containing the 12th of the month are combined with Colorado and Nevada to form the Mountain II region.

The number of hired farm workers in the Mountain II region during the July 1998 through April 1999 quarterly survey periods peaked in July 1998 at 30,000 workers, followed by October 1998 with 23,000 workers and April 1999 with 18,000 workers. A low of 15,000 workers was reported in January 1999.

October 1998 was the busiest quarter with hired

workers averaging 47.0 hours for the week followed by January 1999 with 42.7 hours and July 1998 with 41.4 hours. April 1999 was the low with the hired labor working 41.3 hours for the week.

The average wage rates were generally higher during the January 1999 survey period where the average rate for all hired workers was \$8.41 per hour. Field workers received their highest wage rates in April 1999 at \$7.58 per hour and their lowest at \$6.13 in July 1998. Livestock workers received their highest wages in April 1999 at \$7.67 per hour and their lowest in July 1998 at \$7.08 per hour.

Hired Farm Labor: Mountain II Region, July 1998, October 1998, January 1999, and April 1999 ^{1/2/}

	July 12-18, 1998	October 11-17, 1998	January 10-16, 1999	April 11-17, 1999
1,000 Employees				
Hired workers expected to be employed	30	23	15	18
150 days or more	20	19	14	15
149 days or less	10	4	1	3
Dollars per hour				
Wage rates for all hired workers ^{2/}	6.95	7.32	8.41	8.08
Type of worker				
Field	6.13	6.37	7.29	7.58
Livestock	7.08	7.33	7.36	7.67
Field & Livestock combined	6.39	6.82	7.33	7.63
Hours per week				
Hours worked by hired workers	41.4	47.0	42.7	41.3

^{1/} Mountain II Region includes Colorado, Nevada, and Utah. ^{2/} Excludes Agricultural Service workers.

